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Reader's Guide to This Document

Volume 1

- **Chapter 1: Purpose and Need for Action.** This chapter introduces the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/EIS), describes the purpose and need to which BLM is responding, provides an overview of the BLM planning process, identified planning issues and criteria, summarizes consultation and coordination, and identified topics not addressed by this RMP revision.
- **Chapter 2: Resource Management Alternatives.** Chapter 2 describes how the four alternatives (A through D) were developed, the components and content of each alternative, and discusses the alternatives considered but eliminated from further consideration. It also presents a comparative summary of impacts of each alternative. Resource discussions in Chapters 2, 3, and 4 are organized according to the following topics:
 - ▶ *Physical, Biological, and Cultural/Heritage Resources* – Air, Climate Change, Geology, Soil, Water, Vegetation (Forests and Woodlands, Rangelands, Riparian and Wetlands, Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds, Special Status Plants), Wildlife Habitat and Special Status Species, Fisheries Habitat and Special Status Species, Wild Horses and Burros, Cultural Resources, Paleontological Resources, Visual Resources, Wildland Fire Ecology and Management, Wilderness Characteristics, Cave and Karst Resources
 - ▶ *Resource Uses and Support* – Energy and Mineral Resources (Coal, Fluid Minerals, Locatable Minerals, Mineral Materials), Forestry and Woodland Products, Lands and Realty (Land Tenure Adjustment and Access; Rights-of-Way, Leases and Permits; and Withdrawals), Livestock Grazing, Recreation and Visitor Services, Trails and Travel Management, Renewable Energy, Transportation and Facilities
 - ▶ *Special Designations* – Pompeys Pillar National Monument and ACEC, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, and National Historic Trails
 - ▶ *Socioeconomic Resources* – Social and Economic Conditions, Environmental Justice, and Tribal Treaty Rights
- **Chapter 3: Affected Environment.** This chapter describes the Decision Area and the existing environmental conditions that could be impacted by the alternatives. Chapter 3 also serves as the baseline for analysis of impacts in Chapter 4.

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- **Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences.** Chapter 4 forms the scientific and analytic basis for comparing environmental impacts of each alternative, including the No Action Alternative. Impacts generally are described in terms of direct or indirect and short-term or long-term, when applicable. Potential cumulative and unavoidable impacts and irreversible and irretrievable commitments are also discussed in this chapter.
- **Chapter 5: Consultation and Coordination.** This chapter describes the public participation opportunities and the consultation and collaborative efforts made as part of the RMP/EIS revision process. This chapter also includes the names and qualifications of the people responsible for preparing this Draft RMP/EIS.
- **Chapter 6: References.** This chapter provides full citation information for all references cited within the document.
- **Glossary:** The glossary defines select terms used throughout this document.

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- **Appendices A-X:** The appendices include documents that support existing resource conditions or situations, substantiate analyses, provide resource management guidance, explain processes, or provide information directly relevant or supporting conclusions in the Draft RMP/EIS. There are twenty-nine numbered appendices, twenty-four of which are included in this volume.

Volume 4

- **Appendices Y, Z, AA, AB, and AC:** The appendices include documents that support existing resource conditions or situations, substantiate analyses, provide resource management guidance, explain processes, or provide information directly relevant or supporting conclusions in the Draft RMP/EIS. There are twenty-nine numbered appendices, five of which are included in this volume.
- **Maps:** Maps depict the affected environment or the alternatives by resource. For hard copy versions of the document, all maps except the oversize Travel Management Area (TMA) maps are printed and found after Appendix AC. All maps, including the Travel Management Area (TMA) maps, are provided on a CD at the back of Volume 2. For CD versions of the document, maps are provided in a separate file on the CD. Electronic copies of the maps are also available on the project website:
http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office/rmp.html

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